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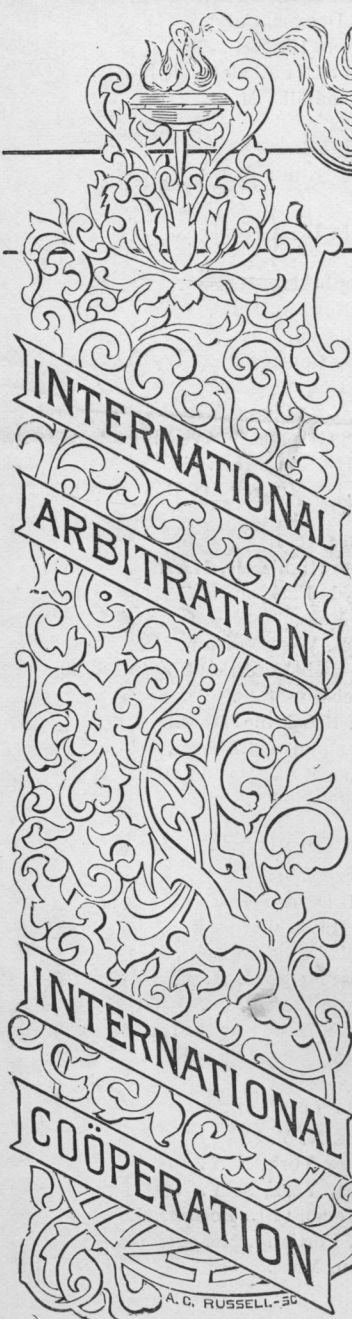


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THE bloody theme of war loomed up for consideration, and I was summoned by the voice of God to decide whether I would stand for or against it. I saw that it was a vast system of manslaughter, even in its most excusable form,—unfraternal, savage, and barbarous; anti-Christian, irrational and full of monstrous evils. I saw that it was based on the assumed rightfulness of resisting evil with evil, and overcoming deadly force with deadly force, which Christ both by precept and example unqualifiedly forbade his disciples to do even toward their worst enemies. He had laid his great regenerative axe at the root of this upas-tree, and it must be destroyed trunk and branches. I was fully convinced of this and took my stand accordingly. Starting from the divine fundamental principle of pure, universal goodwill, absolute love, I felt bound to go with that principle wherever it carried me, for all that it dictated, against all that it condemned. I did not allow myself to be sophisticated into any excuses for defensive war or resorts to so-called justifiable deadly force in extreme cases, but committed myself to total abstinence from all war, preparations for war, glorifications of war, and organic action involving any resorts whatsoever to deadly force against my fellowmen. I would neither fight, vote, pray, nor give any approval of any custom, practice, or act, which contravened the law of perfect love toward God, toward my fellow-moral agents, or the universal highest good.

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**ART. III.** Persons of every Christian denomination desirous of promoting peace on earth, and good-will towards men, may become members of this Society.

**ART. IV.** Every annual subscriber of two dollars shall be a member of this Society.

**ART. V.** The payment of twenty dollars at one time shall constitute any person a Life-member.

**ART. VI.** The chairman of each corresponding committee, the officers and delegates of every auxiliary contributing to the funds of this Society, and every minister of the gospel who preaches once a year on the subject of peace, and takes up a collection in

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**ART. VII.** All contributors shall be entitled within the year to one-half the amount of their contributions in the publications of the Society.

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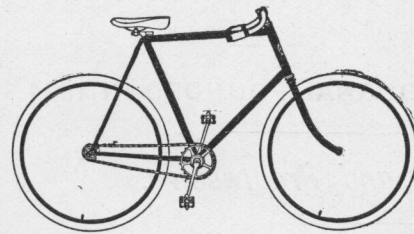
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## THE SENATE AMENDMENTS TO THE ARBITRA- TION TREATY.

It is not possible at this writing to predict exactly what is to be the final fate of the arbitration treaty, though the probabilities are that it will pass the Senate in some form at an early date. President McKinley and Secretary Sherman have done all they could to secure early and favorable action. But the Senate as a whole is still walking by fear. The treaty has only a few open enemies among senators, but a large number of them seem so afraid that this country will be outwitted in the convention that they are offering all sorts of amendments with a view of protecting every American interest as they conceive it. After being referred back to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the treaty was promptly reported again to the Senate, with three amend-

ments, providing that no question shall be submitted to arbitration under the convention except with the approval of the Senate, that jurists of repute instead of members of the Supreme and of the national courts shall be named as arbitrators, and that the article authorizing King Oscar of Sweden to name the Umpire under certain contingencies be stricken out. The former amendment exempting questions of domestic and foreign policy from the operation of the treaty was, we are glad to say, not reported again by the Committee, though a strong inclination seems to exist in the Senate to restore it before the final vote is taken. The three amendments reported by the Committee have been adopted.

The amendment striking out the article referring to the King of Sweden does not in any way lessen the value of the treaty, but the spirit out of which it sprang is a petit and unworthy one. If we object to a monarch of a government essentially like that of Great Britain naming an umpire why should not Great Britain, with equal reason, object to any umpire which might be chosen from among the leading men of republics, on the ground that such an umpire would be necessarily prejudiced against her? We are sorry that so few senators were willing to raise their voice against so baseless a distrust.

Nor is the worth of the treaty at all impaired by the substitution of jurists of repute for members of the Supreme Court, etc. A good many eminent friends of the treaty have from the beginning doubted the wisdom of laying the burden of arbitration cases upon the already overworked members of the national courts. Besides this the justices of the Supreme Court might be called upon, as members of that body, to pronounce upon some phases of the questions submitted to arbitration. We doubt if in practice these objections would have been found to have any weight, but it will be possible to get just as efficient arbitrators from among jurists outside of these courts.

The other amendment is aimed to preserve to the Senate its prerogatives as a part of the treaty-making power, coördinate with those of the President. The chief arguments for the change have been that it would be putting